

Sirs:

Please consider the importance of continuing to regulate broadband services. This regulation directly affects the ability of independent ISPs to bulk purchase broadband connectivity for their clients. Without this protection, it is possible they would not be able to offer such high speed service, making their service offerings non-competetive.

I have used small ISPs for many years because they have consistently out performed the large Telco is delivering the kind of support non-commercial users require for broadband access. Getting technical support from companies like SBC, or Yahoo, AOL, or Earthlink (common gateway partners with the telcos), has for me, over 15 years of being a network user, been far less satisfactory than the support and assistance I have received from ISPs such as the Well, Sonic, PON, etc.

It is important that you preserve the ability of these pioneers, who helped build the vitality of the net, to remain sources of access, in spite of the market dominating capabilities the large telco's have, by virtue of size.

The regulation of broadband guarantees my ISP can continue to offer me DSL as part of my access to the internet.

Thank you.
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